

His leadership, knowledge, and dedication to the challenges he was given were so extensive that he was often sought out to help surrounding counties and jurisdictions. Mike was always looking to help others.

To his friends and colleagues, Mike was known as a trusted counselor, a good listener, and a peacemaker. Yet, when he spoke, all listened.

Above all, his most important accomplishment was his family. To Mike's wife, Bonnie, his entire family, and the good people of Bastrop County, you have the gratitude of the nation and we join you in mourning the loss of this great public servant.

#### RECOGNIZING ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WATERLOO, NY

#### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 21, 2017*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Paul's Episcopal Church on its bicentennial, and to congratulate its clergy, staff, and members, as they celebrate this remarkable milestone.

St. Paul's was incorporated on November 17, 1817, in Waterloo, New York, and has ministered to the spiritual and physical needs of its surrounding community without ceasing in the two-hundred years since.

From its inception, St. Paul's has practiced the traditional Christian values of inclusion, hospitality, caring for the poor and others who are struggling. St. Paul's also strives to provide a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of where they are in their respective faith journeys.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing St. Paul's Episcopal Church as it celebrates two centuries of spiritual ministry and service to the community of Waterloo, New York.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 21, 2017*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, I requested and was granted a leave of absence for the rest of the week to visit the community of Sutherland Springs following the recent shooting.

For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have voted on the following votes I missed during this time period.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

NAY on Roll Call 617, on rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2201, Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act;

YEA on Roll Call 618, on passage of the Veterans Crisis Line Study Act of 2017;

YEA on Roll Call 619, on the passage of the Rush Amendment;

YEA on Roll Call 620, on passage of H.R. 3043, Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017;

YEA on Roll Call 621, on passage of Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2016; and

NAY on Roll Call 622, on passage of H.R. 2201, Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 21, 2017*

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, during my medical recovery, I missed the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

October 31, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 591

November 1, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 592

No on Roll Call No. 593

Yea on Roll Call No. 594

Yea on Roll Call No. 595

Yea on Roll Call No. 596

Yea on Roll Call No. 597

No on Roll Call No. 598

Yea on Roll Call No. 599

November 2, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 600

No on Roll Call No. 601

No on Roll Call No. 602

No on Roll Call No. 603

Yea on Roll Call No. 604

November 3, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 605

No on Roll Call No. 606

November 6, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 607

Yea on Roll Call No. 608

Yea on Roll Call No. 609

November 7, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 610

No on Roll Call No. 611

Yea on Roll Call No. 612

Yea on Roll Call No. 613

No on Roll Call No. 614

November 8, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 616

No on Roll Call No. 617

Yea on Roll Call No. 618

Yea on Roll Call No. 619

No on Roll Call No. 620

Yea on Roll Call No. 621

November 9, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 622

November 13, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 623

Yea on Roll Call No. 624

Yea on Roll Call No. 625

November 14, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 626

No on Roll Call No. 627

Yea on Roll Call No. 628

Yea on Roll Call No. 629

No on Roll Call No. 630

No on Roll Call No. 631

November 15, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 632

No on Roll Call No. 633

Yea on Roll Call No. 634

Yea on Roll Call No. 635

Yea on Roll Call No. 636

November 16, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 637

HONORING VICTOR DE LOS SANTOS

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 21, 2017*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor one of my constituents, Mr. Victor de los Santos, for his immense dedication to serving Santa Ana's youth.

Mr. Santos is a music educator who was first hired as the Santa Ana High School Band Director in 2007. In his time there, Mr. Santos has worked tirelessly to expand the breadth of the program as well as increase enrollment from 80 to 170 students.

Mr. Santos has created a safe harbor for students who are from broken homes and high crime neighborhoods. He works to create a positive environment for his students and for some, he has been the only father figure they have known. Two years ago, he became foster father to a student who would have otherwise gone to a group home. Now that student has graduated from Santa Ana High School and is attending Santa Ana City College to one day become a teacher too.

I am pleased to say that Mr. Santos has been nominated, along with 24 other semifinalists from across the country, for the Grammy Music Educator Award, which will be presented next year.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Santos is an example to us of the value of investing in education of the arts. I am honored to congratulate Mr. Santos for his nomination, and thank him for the positive impact he has made on the Santa Ana community.

#### HONORING MIRIAM STEINBERG

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 21, 2017*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of the Scarsdale community, Miriam Steinberg, for her tireless dedication and selflessness to the Coachman Family Center Shelter. Miriam has donated over \$50,000 worth of food and supplies for the homeless and deserves a great deal of recognition for her efforts.

A lifetime resident of Scarsdale, Miriam is the President of Our Coupon Cares, a non-profit committed to providing supplies to homeless shelters through clipping coupons. Miriam's monthly visits to the shelter have led her to be one of the largest individual donors in the area. Each month, Miriam brings 15 grocery bags filled with cereal, snacks, juice, body wash, notebooks, board game and other supplies, totaling over 700 grocery bags since she became President. Currently, she is preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday and hopes to provide those with a memorable holiday.

Miriam's altruism is a model for others to look upon, Mr. Speaker, she has given so much back to her community and her efforts have been beyond exemplary. I want to congratulate Miriam on all she has done and thank her for her remarkable work.

IN RECOGNITION OF COMMANDER  
PAT SLACK

**HON. RICK LARSEN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 21, 2017*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the distinguished career of Commander Pat Slack of the Snohomish Regional Drug & Gang Task Force, who will be retiring at the end of this year.

Commander Slack is an army veteran who received the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam. Following his service, he spent 25 years with the Snohomish County Sheriff's office and five years as a Deputy Chief with the Everett Police Department.

In 2000, he became the Commander of the Snohomish Regional Drug & Gang Task Force, which has become the largest of its kind in the state under his leadership. The task force targets drug trafficking organizations and street gangs involved in drug activity to reduce availability and trafficking of drugs in the state and county. This is with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life in our communities.

Commander Slack was instrumental in starting the drug take back program in Snohomish County and he has been a member of a number of national and local teams and organizations focused on drugs and public health.

I would like to recognize Commander Slack for his excellent leadership and his commitment to fighting the opioid epidemic in my district.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRASHER-  
WINTHROP VOLUNTEER FIRE-  
FIGHTER DAVID CARR

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 21, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David Carr, a firefighter in the Brasher-Winthrop Volunteer Fire Department who died in the line of duty on November 4, 2017.

David dedicated his life to serving others. After joining the Winthrop Volunteer Fire De-

partment in 1979, he became Fire Chief of the department and maintained an active membership after his department merged with the firefighters of Brasher. David was also a member of the Tri-Town Volunteer Rescue Squad for 17 years, and served as chief for four years. In 2016, he was recognized for responding to the most calls of any EMT in his department. David was known by his colleagues as a trusted mentor and dedicated volunteer to the Tri-Town Community.

I would like to offer my deepest condolences to David's family and friends, particularly his wife, Lisa. David was an exemplary member of the community and his countless sacrifices made on behalf of the 21st District will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH  
BIRTHDAY OF JOSEPHINE R.  
(ARENA) DRISCOLL

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 21, 2017*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Josephine R. (Arena) Driscoll, a resident of Rockland, Massachusetts, who is celebrating her 100th birthday.

Josephine was born on November 27, 1917 to Harry L. and Rose (Galbo) Arena, who emigrated from Italy through Ellis Island. Growing up she was very active in her community as the captain of her drill and bowling teams and in the Holy Family Church in Rockland. In 1939 she won an award for her poem at the World's Fair Anthology of Verse. Josephine also spent time traveling across the country and to Mexico with her parents.

As a young woman Josephine worked in the Commonwealth Shoe Factory in Whitman. After the factory closed, Josephine, who did not have the opportunity to finish high school, went back and earned her degree. She then worked in the Electro Signal Lab in Rockland, the town where she lives to this day.

In 1957 she married Charles A. Driscoll, a U.S. Navy veteran from World War II. Continuing her love for travel, she made many cross-country road trips with her husband until he passed away in 1968. Josephine continued to be involved in her community and is a lifelong member of the Republican Town Committee. Today Josephine lives with her niece

Rosemarie and her husband Edward, a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Josephine R. Driscoll on this joyous occasion of her 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING FIRST LIEUTENANT  
JOHN H. LIEKHUS

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 21, 2017*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor the memory of First Lieutenant John H. Liekhus of Anaheim, for his immense dedication to serving our country.

A member of Anaheim High's 1934 graduating class, First Lt. Liekhus was a flyer with the 323rd Bombardment Squadron, the 91st Bombardment Group and Eighth Air Force. On November 2, 1944, First Lt. Liekhus and his crew were on a bombing mission to Merseburg, Germany when their plane was hit by a flak. When he realized his plane was going down, First Lt. Liekhus ordered his nine-member crew to bail. Three survived and became prisoners of war, the navigator died, and First Lt. Liekhus and the others were declared missing in action. It was his great nephew, Dr. Michael Cushing, who led the search for answers about his great uncle's plane crash. First Lt. Liekhus was 29 years old at the time of his death, but his body was not recovered to be returned home until 73 years after his death. Dr. Cushing, and First Lt. Liekhus' last living sister, Trudy, were finally able to receive answers.

First Lt. John H. Liekhus embodied the selflessness and courage of servicemembers. He paid the ultimate price by putting the lives of his crew before his own, and his efforts towards the mission to bomb Merseburg oil refineries were instrumental in ending Hitler's reign.

Mr. Speaker, First Lt. Liekhus is an example to us all of us of the incredible sacrifice of our servicemembers. I am honored to recognize First Lt. Liekhus for going above and beyond for American freedom and thank him for his service.